

RICH WIDOW IS STRANGLER BY 3 MASKED MEN

Mrs. J. E. Nichols Is At-
tacked in Her East 79th
St. Home and Killed.

SERVANTS ARE BOUND
BY THE INTRUDERS
Tablecloth Used as Murder
Weapon—Rings Taken
From Fingers.

Mrs. James E. Nichols, widow of a
member of the wholesale grocery firm
of Austin, Nichols & Co., was murdered
in her home at 4 East Seventy-ninth
street late last night by three masked
men who carried revolvers. After the
men had entered the house at the
point of their guns and had bound and
gagged two of Mrs. Nichols's servants,
a maid and a boy, they went into Mrs.
Nichols's room.

When she was found by the maid,
who managed in an hour's time to free
herself from her bonds, Mrs. Nichols
was dead on the bed in her own room.
She had been strangled by means of
a tablecloth and a dolly.

The maid said she thought she recog-
nized a former servant as one of the
masked men.

Mrs. Nichols was 60 years old and in-
herited more than \$1,000,000 from the
estate of her husband, who died abroad
a year ago.

After searching examination of the
house Second Deputy Police Commis-
sioner Lord announced at 3 o'clock this
morning that so far as could be discov-
ered nothing had been stolen except
three rings which were taken from Mrs.
Nichols's fingers. One of these is
known to have been recent recently with
a diamond worth \$3,000.

Inspector Faurot and Inspector Gray,
hurried to the Nichols home immedi-
ately after the murder.

The story they obtained came from a
hallboy in the house, Owen Pallas by
name, and the maid, who was unable to
talk intelligently, so distraught was she
from her experience.

Attack at 10 o'clock.
At about 10 o'clock there was a ring
at the basement doorbell. Pallas told the
police. At that time Mrs. Nichols was
in her own room on one of the upper
floors and he and the maid were in the
basement. The house is a five story
brownstone on just off Fifth avenue.

Pallas answered the bell. He was con-
fronted by one man, who stuck a gun in
the hallboy's face, and stepped into the
hall. He held the boy still at the point
of the revolver.

In a moment the maid, who had heard
Pallas answer the bell, thought that
something was wrong, as she did not hear
any conversation. She stepped into the
basement hall to see what was the mat-
ter. The man with the revolver, said
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SAYS U. S. WON'T INTERVENE.

Gen. Gonzales Declares Mexicans
"May Rest Tranquil."

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 8.—Gen. Gonzales
in a statement issued here to-day said
that he was "able to announce that all
possible danger to the United States in-
tervening in Mexico politically, diplo-
matically, much less by the use of armed
force has disappeared and the public
may now rest tranquil." Gonzales re-
ceived to explain what news he had re-
ceived in this connection.

It was officially stated that the Con-
ventionists have been forced to evacuate
positions they held around Mexico city
with heavy losses. Their firing line ex-
tended sixty kilometers. The nearest
engagement was several miles from the
capital, which is quiet.

The Carranzistas say that the Con-
ventionists have printed enormous quan-
tities of new notes in Toluca, causing a
momentary depreciation. In their de-
spairing situation the Conventionists are
executing all persons caught with Car-
ranza's Vera Cruz notes.

GOLD GOING TO MEXICO.

Lineer Navarre at Havana Has
\$3,400,000 on Board.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
HAVANA, Sept. 8.—The liner Navarre
after a tempestuous voyage arrived here
to-day from Europe. She has on board
17,000,000 francs (\$3,400,000) for banks
in Mexico city.

CRUISER GOES 28,000 MILES.

Tennessee Believed to Have Set
World's Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—The armored
cruiser Tennessee, in command of Capt.
Benton G. Decker, returned to the Phila-
delphia Navy Yard to-day from Hayti,
completing what is believed to be a
record for ships of her class, of almost
28,000 miles covered within thirteen
months.

The Tennessee's 28,000 mile record be-
gan on her departure for Europe Aug-
ust 6 last year with gold for Americans
stranded abroad. Then followed another
trip to the Mediterranean on a similar
mission, and a third trip to Turkish
waters.

The cruiser on August 2 last started
to Hayti with marines, returning here
and starting with a second force.

COUNT GREGORY IS HELD FOR LARCENY

Horse Show Exhibitor Arrest-
ed on Charge Made by
Newport Jeweller.

Bernard F. S. Gregory, well known
in horse show circles as Count Gregory,
although he makes no claim to the title,
was arrested last night at the Hotel
Cumberland, Broadway and Fifty-fourth
street, where he lives, charged with
being a fugitive from justice. A war-
rant charging him with larceny in New-
port, R. I., was served upon him, and
he was locked up at Police Headquarters
for arraignment this morning.

According to Inspector John S. Tobin
of the Newport police, Gregory was in
Newport over Labor Day, taking part
in the Newport Horse Show. He and
Charles Wilson, formerly a trainer and
buyer of horses for Alfred G. Vander-
bilt, had made a bet as to whether
Gregory's horse would win the race.

The couple became separated during
the race, but before the show, when
he returned and sent his money back.
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Gregory came to the house, Mrs. Nich-
ols threatened to have some of them
arrested for stories he said they were
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terialized from this threat.

PLAN TO LIGHT ALL IRELAND.

Power of Lough Erne and Shannon
Falls Will Be Used.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Lough Erne
and Shannon Falls near Limerick are to
be used in a big scheme for lighting
Ireland by an electrical company
whose capital is already subscribed.

The firm is now seeking to obtain the
necessary Parliamentary permission to
dig extensive canals, plans to concen-
trate an immense volume of water above
the falls are being prepared.

PASSED EACH OTHER AT SEA.

Baroness Arrives Looking for Hus-
band; Finds He Has Sailed.

Arriving from Holland in search of
her husband, a young Belgian woman,
Baroness Jac de Crombrughe, and her
six-year-old son landed in New York
yesterday only to find that her husband
had already sailed back to Europe.

The couple became separated during
the German invasion of Belgium and the
Baroness has been making frantic ef-
forts to locate her husband, who has
fled equally hard to find his wife and
little son.

The Baroness expects to sail for Rot-
terdam by the first steamer and expects
to find her husband there.

FUNSTON CHECKS TEXANS ON BORDER

He Virtually Puts Scene of
Fighting Under Martial Law
and Takes Full Charge.

REGARD IT AS TRESPASS

Carranza Leader Still Insists
That His Men Have Not
Been With Bandits.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 8.—That sec-
tion of the border country lying between
Brownsville and Mission and immediately
adjoining the Rio Grande is to-night
practically under martial law as a re-
sult of orders issued by General Funston
today authorizing soldiers to take
charge of the situation where firing
across the boundary might occur.

Peace officers were told that the
United States would attend to this part
of the country and that they could con-
fine their work to the interior. While
there has been no ill feeling expressed
at the change in the situation, border
peace officers look upon this action as
a usurpation of their rights and they
may be depended upon to chase and kill
any bandits sent. Instructions have not
been issued to the Texas rangers, as
they have not been on the river in sev-
eral days.

Reports from Matamoros to-day are
that two leaders of the bandits have
been seen in the market places of that
city and requests have been made to
Gen. Nafarrete to have them arrested
and turned over to the Texas authori-
ties. The request has not been complied
with, although the bandits were in Mat-
amoros to-day.

Light fighting was reported during the
day. In the Mission section bandits, four
in number, attacked a ranch house, but
were driven off. At Savage and Rur,
where fighting took place yesterday, sev-
eral shots were exchanged and one Mex-
ican was killed. In both instances the
bandits disappeared in the brush.

From reports it now appears that
many of the bandits are several miles
from the boundary. Twenty miles east
of Mission twenty Mexicans were seen
galloping across the country. Thirty
miles east of Berrenda more bandits
were seen. At other places they were
scouting that section. At Brownsville
and other towns the belief is prevalent
that bandit leaders are in Mexico recruit-
ing the same time he carried away a dia-
mond horseshoe pin, worth \$100, on ap-
proval, according to the jeweller.

He got the pin last Saturday, and
the jeweller said that he had seen the
pin on the jeweller's counter. It is
charged that he failed to send either
the pin or the money to the jeweller.

The Newport police inspector got here
yesterday, and when he saw Gregory, the
horseman was not dressed for prison, and
so the detectives waited for him to
change in his apartment. When he re-
turned, he was wearing a blue suit, blue
ribbons and silver cups.

Gregory said he was shocked at the
charge; that everything had been cleared
up by the acquisition of the pin. He
said the pin of the hotel safe and
turned it over to Tobin.

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FORD HAS \$9,000,000 MORE FOR PEACE

Also Willing to Hire All Con-
victs Released From Mich-
igan Prison.

TRACTORS GO TO CANADA

Auto Maker Has Men at Work
Planning Countrywide Anti-
War Campaign.

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—Three more an-
nouncements by Henry Ford to-day
made public the automobile maker's far-
reaching plans for the benefit of man-
kind.

The most striking was the promise
Mr. Ford made to G. W. Hart, in
charge of the State Prison at Jackson,
that he would employ all the discharged
convicts from the institution as fast as
they are released.

"I have yet to meet a thoroughly
bad man," said Mr. Ford. "Every man
has his good qualities and they will
assert themselves if given a chance, and
I am willing to give them that chance."

Mr. Hart was invited to visit Mr.
Ford at his office and discuss the mat-
ter further. Mr. Ford also announced
that he will follow his \$1,000,000 peace
offer with \$9,000,000 more if necessary.

He says that he already has men em-
ployed in the active formulation of
plans toward bringing the peace ques-
tion before the entire country. In out-
lining his beliefs, Mr. Ford acknowl-
edged the obstacles in his path, spoke
of the criticism accorded him for his
views, but unshaken in his stand he
solemnly said he would devote \$100,000
to the campaign if necessary.

"I have been severely criticised for
my peace views, and I expect more criti-
cism of them," said Mr. Ford. "I expect
to take a fall out of my critics just
about as often as they take one out
of me, however."

"I believe thoroughly that education
is necessary to insure peace in the
United States. The people must be
taught that the glamour and glory
painted into war pictures are false.
They must be shown that peace offers
for war create war. They must learn
how their taxes are used for military
preparations in times of peace only to
be wasted along with their lives in
times of war."

"I have several men working for me
now in the campaign for peace. Mr.
Ford's third announcement to-day
was that the new farm tractor
would be made in Canada by his com-
pany there. He will add 10,000 men
to his working force there."

It is believed the possibility of the
tractor being manufactured in Canada
was the chief reason for the sudden
boost in price of Canadian plant
stock from par to \$1.50.

WORK FOR FORD AT HOME

Packard Motor Co. Pays Bonus to
Employees in Militia.

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—Expressing them-
selves in favor of preparedness in
case of war with any foreign country
the directors of the Packard Motor Com-
pany, whose president is Henry H. Joy,
vice-president of the Navy League, an-
nounced to-day that it would pay a
bonus to all its employees in the mili-
tary camps or militia.

The resolution states that any Pack-
ard employee who is called to active
service at any time he is eligible to take
part in any military tour of instruction,
naval reserve cruise or National Guard
encampment will be entitled to a bonus
of such leave of absence shall carry
with it full pay for the entire period of
military instruction and that the time
shall not be deducted from the employ-
ee's vacation.

Whether this is a rebuke to the anti-
preparedness campaign of Henry Ford
can only be guessed, but it is well known
that Mr. Joy's views on war are di-
rectly opposite to those held by Mr.
Ford.

BRITAIN FREES STEAMERS.

Four Vessels for Scandinavian
Ports Released by Government.

LONDON, Sept. 8. (Delayed by the cen-
sor).—The following five steamships,
which were detained for examination of
their cargoes, have been released by
the British authorities from Copenhagen:
The Danish steamships London, from
Philadelphia, August 6, for Copenhagen;
Arnold Maersk, from Baltimore, August
6, for Copenhagen; the Argos, from
New York, August 17, for Copenhagen;
the Norwegian steamships Giltia, from
Malmö, Sweden, for New Orleans, and
John Bull, from Baltimore, August
23, for Gothenburg.

MUNITION MAKERS POISONED.

Thirteen Men Ill From Drinking
Water From a Spring.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 8.—Poison-
ing of the water in a hillside spring that
supplies water for drinking purposes to
the Wheeling Mould and Foundry Com-
pany has been traced to thirteen employ-
ees of the company to be taken seriously ill to-day.
The police believe that the spring was
poisoned and the water is being ana-
lyzed.

The company has been manufacturing
a thousand shrapnel shells per day for
the Bethlehem Steel Company. Officials
of the company refuse to make any
statement.

HAD 13 HUSBANDS; IS DEAD.

89 Year Old Woman Dies When
Told of Suit.

EVANVILLE, Ind., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Polly
Anne Weed Strodes, aged 89, who had
been married thirteen times, died to-
day at her home. Physicians say her
death was due to shock over the filing
of a \$10,000 damage suit against her
last Saturday.

The suit was brought by James Hand-
ley, who was shot last February by Har-
rison Strodes, the thirteenth husband of
Mrs. Strodes, who disappeared after the
shooting, skipping \$500 bail that his wife
had to pay. Mrs. Strodes then sued her
husband for divorce and made it known
at the time that as soon as she was given
the decree she was going to look around
for her fourteenth husband.

She said that husbands were the easi-
est things in the world to get, and that
in spite of her many matrimonial ex-
periences she still believed in men.

GREAT BEAN SPRING WATER.

See the case of six glass stoppered bottles
Adv.

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GRAND DUKE OUT; SENT TO CAUCASUS

Czar Demotes His Generalissi-
mo, Assuming Himself Com-
mand of All Forces.

MOVE A GREAT SURPRISE

London Sees in It Russia's De-
termination to Fight War
to the End.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—Grand Duke Nicho-
las, commander in chief of all the Rus-
sian armies since the opening of the war,
has been deposed by order of his cousin,
the Czar, and transferred to the Cau-
casus. Where hundreds of men are
carrying on a desultory campaign
against the Turks.

Grand Duke Nicholas will take the
place of Count von Volzontzoff-Dashkoff,
who has heretofore been the viceroy of
the Caucasus. Count von Volzontzoff
will be attached to the personal staff of
the Czar.

At the same time the Czar has ele-
vated himself to the supreme command
of the Russian forces and presumably
will henceforth direct the operations
against the Teutonic allies on the 750
mile battle front from Riga to Bess-
arabia.

The news has been received in Russia,
say Petrograd despatches, with a feel-
ing little short of consternation. Grand
Duke Nicholas had been the popular idol
of the people. It was thought that if he
could not turn back the German ad-
vances no one could. He had been
known as the one man in all Russia
closest to the Czar. His removal to the
Caucasus front is equivalent to complete
military demotion.

Military and political observers in
London are wholly unable to account for
the transfer of a man whose military
genius is generally held to have trans-
formed one of the greatest retreats in
history into one of the most remarkable
strategic victories of all wars. During
a steady retirement, in progress for
three months, the Russian armies,
starved for want of ammunition, have
been successfully extricated from one
trap after another and to-day are prac-
tically intact.

Czar's Message to Grand Duke.

Emperor Nicholas has sent the fol-
lowing communication to the Grand Duke,
relieving him of his duties as commander
in chief:

At the beginning of the war I was
unavoidably prevented from follow-
ing the inclination of my soul to put
myself at the head of the army. That
was why I entrusted you with the
command in chief of all the land
and sea forces.

Under the eyes of all Russia your
Imperial Highness has given proof
during the past months of the most
valuable qualities of a commander in
chief. You have caused a feeling of pro-
found confidence and called forth the
good wishes of all who followed your
operations through the inevitable
vicissitudes of war.

My duty to my country, which has
been entrusted to me by God, compels
me to-day, when the enemy has pene-
trated into the interior of the empire,
to take supreme command of the active
forces and to share with the army
the fatigue of war and to safeguard
with Russian soil from the hands of
the enemy. The ways of Providence
are inscrutable, but my duty and my
desire determine me in my resolution
for the good of the state.

The invasion of the enemy on the
western front, which necessitates the
greatest possible concentration of civil
and military authorities as well as the
united efforts of the entire nation,
has turned our attention from the
southern front. At this moment I re-
cognize the necessity of your assistance
and I have therefore transferred to
you the command in chief of the army
and I appoint you viceroy of the Cau-
casus and commander in chief of the
valiant Caucasian army.

I express to your Imperial High-
ness my profound gratitude and the fel-
lowship of the country for your labors during
the war.

More Denial of Peace Rumors.

If at this date a surmise as to the
real motive of the Czar's action
be made it can only be, say the London
observers, that the Emperor has taken
this means of putting at rest all ru-
mors of peace, and of showing the
contemplating suing for a separate
peace.

The Nation's Vienna, the only news-
paper which thus far has commented
on the subject, takes this view:
"Our insolent foe has now received
a worthy answer to his projects. The
Russian Emperor, placing himself at the
head of the military forces, and hopes
of the Germans for peace are turned
to dust and ashes. For more than a
year the chief command of our army
has been vested in Grand Duke Nicho-
las Nicolaievitch, whose name will
forever remain graven in the heart of
every Russian soldier."

The order of the day in which the
Grand Duke Nicholas announced the
Emperor's assumption of the supreme
command of the military and naval
forces was sent to the Havas Agency
as follows:

Valiant Army and Fleet: To-day
my management of military matters
has undergone an almost complete
change. On June 27 Gen. Sukhomlinoff
resigned as Minister of War and two
days later the appointment of Gen. Pol-
vanov to that post was officially an-
nounced. A short time later a Ministry
of Munitions was created by the Czar
and was vested with very extraordinary
powers, extending even to matters of
transportation.

Demotion of Grand Duke Nicholas

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Zeppelins Shell London; Second Raid in 24 Hours; 10 Dead, 46 Hurt in First

Incendiary and Explosive Bombs Dropped in Metro-
politan Area—Several Casualties Reported—
Holland Warned of Airships' Approach.

FIVE CHILDREN KILLED IN AIR ATTACK

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 9 (Thursday).—The
second raid on England within twenty-
four hours occurred at midnight
last night.